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SUBJECT: CYPRUS IN SECURITY COUNCIL

FOR AMB KUBISH FROM SISCO

REF: ATHENS 1898, STATE 052805

1. FYI: SECRETARY AND I REVIEWED YOUR REPORT OF THE BITSIOS CONVERSATION AND WE ARE BOTH DISTURBED OVER HIS RE-ACTION, AND WE THEREFORE WANT YOU TO SEE HIM ONCE AGAIN. OUR CONCERN IS THAT BITSIOS IS BEGINNING TO SOUND LIKE A MAN WHO WANTS A VICTORY IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OVER TURKEY RATHER THAN TRYING TO ACHIEVE WHAT WE THINK IS ESSENTIAL-- A CONSENSUS ON A RESOLUTION THAT BOTH SIDES CAN AGREE ON. END FYI.

2. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SEE BITSIOS ONCE AGAIN AND UTILIZE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THAT YOU REPORTED YOUR CONVERSATION WITH BITSIOS AND THAT THERE IS CONCERN OVER HIS REACTION.

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B. AS SECRETARY INDICATED WE ARE TAKING MATTER UP WITH

ANKARA WITH A VIEW TO BEING HELPFUL.

C. YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO A RESOLUTION BEING ADOPTED THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES. OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM WHAT BITSIOS HAS SAID -- AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THIS -- IS THAT GOG IS ANXIOUS TO MAKE MEANINGFUL PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS. OUR UNDERSTANDING FURTHER HAS BEEN THAT WHAT IS REQUIRED IS A MORE SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT-- AT LEAST COSMETICALLY -- OF THE SYG WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A FACE-SAVER TO RETURN TO THE CLERIDES/DENKTASH TALKS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES IS SO IMPORTANT IN GETTING NEGOTIATIONS STARTED IN THE RIGHT WAY THAT IT IS INCUMBENT UPON BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY TO MAKE A FURTHER ATTEMPT TO BRIDGE THE GAP. WE REAFFIRM THAT IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO BLOCK THE RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, WHAT WOULD BE ACHIEVED IF A RESOLUTION GOT THROUGH ON THE BASIS OF A U.S. ABSTENTION WHICH WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE GOT? THIS COULD ONLY CAUSE A DEEPENING IMPASSE AND SLOW DOWN A PROCESS WHICH BOTH WE AND GOG AGREE SHOULD HOPEFULLY LEAD TO AS RAPID AND AS MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS AS POSSIBLE.

3. SECRETARY CANNOT GET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DETAILS OF SC RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH AMB BUFFUM ON THE BASIS OF DETAILED DISCUSSIONS HELD IN NEW YORK, AND HAVE DEVELOPED A THOUGHT OR TWO WHICH AMB BUFFUM HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DISCUSS WITH GOG UN REPRESENTATIVE MONDAY AM. WE URGE THEREFORE THAT BITSIOS INSTRUCT GOG UN REP TO MEET WITH BUFFUM AND THAT GOG UN REP BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS TO ADOPT A FLEXIBLE POSITION WHICH WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES. WE WILL WORK VERY HARD ON GOT AS WELL BUT IT ESSENTIAL SECRETARY SPEND HIS TIME IN ANKARA ON SUBSTANCE DISCUSSED WITH BITSIOS IN BRUSSELS, NOT SC OPERATIONS.

4. FOR MACOMBER AND HARTMAN: YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS BUFFUM'S SUGGESTIONS WITH GOT AS CONTAINED IN STATE 052805. PLEASE REPORT THIS PART OF THE CONVERSATION FLASH TO BUFFUM IN NEW YORK AND TO US SO THAT BUFFUM HAS RESULTS OF YOUR
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CONVERSATION AVAILABLE BEFORE HE MEETS WITH GOG AND OTHER REPS. HOWEVER, BEFORE YOU EXPLORE BUFFUM'S SUGGESTIONS, YOU SHOULD MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO SEE WHETHER ESENBEL CAN BUT THE SC RESOLUTION WITHOUT CHANGE. YOU MIGHT SAY TO ESENBEL THAT IN THEIR EXPLANATION OF VOTE IF THEY ACCEPTED PRESENT TEXT, THEY COULD PUT THEIR OWN INTERPRETATION ON IT. IF THIS DOES NOT WORK WITH ESENBEL, MACOMBER AND HARTMAN SHOULD THEN TAKE UP BUFFUM'S SUGGESTIONS.

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